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THE WATER PROBLEM.

THE REPORT of the special committee appointed by the Commercial club to investigate the city's water supply contains many features that will at once recommend themselves to those who have given the problem any thought. While it is not at all probable, in view of the recent heavy and fortuitous snowfall, that Salt Lake will experience a water famine during the late summer and early fall of this year, no time should be lost in putting into effect some of the plans suggested by the special committee.

The city cannot afford to depend from year to year on so uncertain a quantity as snow precipitation. If such a course is persisted in the people are sure to suffer severely, sooner or later. Indeed, they have suffered, in past years, when there was, or should have been, no occasion for them to suffer. The work which the Commercial club now proposes should have been under way long ago.

The trouble has been that a penny-wise and pound-foolish policy has been allowed to govern. Money has been frittered away in foolish schemes that have resulted in no permanent good. Instead of acquiring water rights the city has purchased interminable lawsuits; instead of securing more water pipes have been laid to conduct water that has never been found. The time has come to call a halt.

The first important recommendation of the committee is the appointment by the mayor of a water board to consist of three members. This board, or commission, is to have absolute control of water supply betterments. It will have the power to award contracts for permanent improvements, to purchase water rights, to construct canals and reservoirs and to fix the rates which shall be paid for water by the residents of the city.

The principal objection The Herald finds to the committee's recommendations is the smallness of the salaries to be paid to its members. The chairman is to get \$1,200 per year, and the other members \$1,000 per year. Those amounts seem altogether out of proportion to the responsibilities which will devolve upon the commissioners. Three or four times as much would not be exorbitant.

Men of the right caliber will not give all their time to the work for the small salaries suggested, and the real object of the commission will be defeated if it is made up of men without talent or business ability. The members of the commission should be paid enough money to make it worth their while to serve the city exclusively. However, this is a detail which will doubtless be satisfactorily arranged when the bill creating the board comes up for discussion in the legislature.

The bond issue recommendation is of equal importance. It is proposed to issue \$1,000,000 worth of water bonds in four annual installments of \$250,000 each, and the committee is able to demonstrate that the increased revenues from the service and the growth in value of the plant will easily meet both principal and interest within twenty-five years from the date of issue. This, in effect, gives us the improvements so earnestly desired without the necessity for excessive taxation.

The Herald feels that Chairman Holmes of the special committee and all of his co-laborers are entitled to the thanks of the community. They have given freely of their time and their ability, and their labor has been without hope of reward other than the satisfaction which comes from the efficient performance of an important public duty.

A GRAND STAND VIEW.

MERELY AS A DISINTERESTED spectator, The Herald rises to observe that the glad New Year festivities lacked one feature to make the season perfect. A year ago it was commonly understood that the Hon. Reed Smoot and the Hon. T. Kearns had entered the arena arm-in-arm, looking forward to twelve months of lovely harmony. The summer camp bake at Provo, during which the apostle announced his senatorial candidacy in the presence of the senator, was accepted as a continuance of the program, originally planned in the holiday season. Now, alas! it is changed. The senator camps up on the apostle's trail and the apostle lies in wait for the senator; the camp bake and picnic have given way to the war party and the wake; gloom reigns where once peace held her gentle sway and no one knows when the bitter feud will end.

Apparently the apostle has much the better of the situation and a good many people rejoice openly on what they are pleased to believe is the defeat of the junior senator's plans for the choice of an associate in Washington. It would be well, however, for these rejoicings to be suspended until the prospective senator-apostle is firmly anchored in his seat. The distance between a hotel at the capital and the payroll of the senate is not to be measured by miles, and in case of objection to Smoot, it will probably lie in the junior senator's power to build a fire under the apostle's chair that will make it exceedingly uncomfortable for him, if it does not prevent him altogether from taking the comfortable seat.

On the face of the returns to date, Kearns is not more than ace-high

against the apostle's full house, but when one remembers the resourcefulness of the senator and his ability to light on his feet, one would not be surprised to see him come up smiling out of a wreck that might leave the apostle marooned in the middle of the political sea.

Whatever the outcome, the quiet struggle between the two Republican leaders is rapidly approaching a finish and the next sixty days will develop about as interesting a situation here and in the national capital as one could wish to see. Smoot has the ambition of his life at stake; Kearns is fighting to insure his re-election two years hence. Both are playing for leadership in Utah. Smoot unquestionably has the majority of the people of the state behind him while Kearns just as unquestionably has the very powerful support of the national administration and the Republican national committee. All in all, there is the making of a very pretty story in the plot and it is going to be a tragedy for one of the contestants.

DR. LORENZ DEPARTS.

DR. LORENZ has sailed for home. He will stop in various English cities en route, but within a few weeks at most he will be once more in Vienna. It is not too much to say that no foreigner who has ever visited this country has made so pleasant an impression as Dr. Lorenz. He has not only left enduring monuments behind him in the little cripples he has healed, but he has given all of us a higher and a truer idea of the nobility of his calling.

The man who fights disease and conquers it is a benefactor of humanity whose battles are won so often that the world takes his victories as matters of course. So it is with the men who make the halt to walk, the blind to see. Dr. Lorenz, his heart overflowing with human kindness, went from one American coast line to the other, and everywhere he stopped he scattered sunshine.

He was advertised? Yes, advertised in the best possible way. It has been said that he made a large fortune during his American tour. He himself denies the report, but whether he did or not The Herald doesn't care. We think nothing over here of pouring thick streams of gold into the laps of prima donnas who have to work to keep in the ranks of the third-raters in their own countries. Why shouldn't gold be lavished on a man who does more good in a five-minute operation than a prima donna does in a six weeks' tour? No matter how much money Dr. Lorenz took away with him, he is welcome to every cent of it.

The Vienna surgeon has given us a new phrase, too, which is worth something. He has taught us "bloodless surgery." We are accustomed to associate blood with surgery. The very word causes a mental picture of a beautifully clean operating room, uniformed nurses, a shirt-sleeved surgeon with rows of shining knives. It causes a picture of basins and sponges with an anesthetic and patient in the center of the room, his body laid open with a few deft strokes of the knife.

Now all of that is necessary in a very large proportion of cases, but Dr. Lorenz has taught us that it isn't necessary in congenital dislocations of the hip joint. So, for that, and because he is one of God's noblemen, he will carry with him to Vienna the best wishes of all the American people, or at least of all that call him "Doc." May his days be prolonged on the earth that he may continue doing good and of him may it be written, as it was of Abo in the poet's tale:

"He loved his fellow men."

This probably didn't happen, but it might have happened. The story runs that some visitors who were being shown through the asylum at Provo stopped at the cell of a man who was muttering figures to himself. He said: "Twelve-thirty-eight, one-sixteen, two-eighths, and so on. When the guide remarked that the lunatic made a good living, somebody wanted to know how. "Why," was the reply, "he's hired to get out the running schedules of the Salt Lake street cars."

A near contemporary, in an argument in favor of raising the salary of the president of the United States said: "Why do we impoverish our presidents, sending them out without any savings with which to support themselves?" The Herald is by no means sure that the salary is high enough, but can our contemporary name a president, except, perhaps, Jefferson or Madison, who has gone out of office poorer than he went in?

The governor of North Carolina is going to make things mighty unpleasant for the mob that lynched a woman a few days ago. The executive is believed to have been shocked at the unchristian conduct of his fellow citizens in lynching the woman's husband before they lynched her. He thinks ladies should always come first.

Tom Horn, the Wyoming murderer, has secured a stay of execution that will give him at least six months more of life. We don't begrudge Horn the six months, but Wyoming owes it to herself to see that the judgment of death in his case is executed at the earliest possible moment.

Max Nordau says the day is not far distant when the great nations of the earth will be engaged in a life and death struggle. Fiddledicks! Nordau has been eating too many Christmas goodies. They affect some people that way.

Just one week from Monday the Smoot ratification convention will be called to order. There really isn't going to be a bit of fun for the spectators at this session of the legislature.

In view of the announcement that Sir Thomas Lipton is likely to visit our Tom next summer, wise dealers will lay in big supplies of yachting caps.

It is announced that the police are on the trail of the violators of the smoke ordinance. Maybe, but they are a long way behind.

A Plea For Time.

Fudge—Say, mom, are we going to have turkey on Christmas day?
Mother—Yell know when Christmas day comes. That'll be time enough.
Fudge—No, it won't. I want to know a couple of days ahead so's I kin save up for it.

THE SALT LAKE SOCIETY.

Mrs. James Jennings was the hostess yesterday at a most beautifully appointed children's party given complimentary to the children of Mrs. Walter Jennings. Sixty little people were invited and enjoyed games and dancing during the hours of the afternoon.

The P. E. O. society will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Harry Gans, 34 South Seventh East street.

Miss Clara Weinberger of Colorado Springs is the guest of Mrs. Adolph Simon at her home on Third South street.

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Kipling on the Alliance

The London Times prints the following poem by Rudyard Kipling:

The bunked oars fell an hundred strong,
And lashed and thrashed and ground;
But bitter was the rowers' song,
As they brought the war boat round.

They had no heart for the rally and roar
That makes the whaleback smoke
And haul and haul and haul and haul
As one on the racing stroke.

They sang: "What reckon do ye keep,
And steer her by what star,
If we come unscathed from the southern deep
To be wrecked on a Baltic bar?"

"Last night ye swore our voyage was done,
But s'ward still we go;
And ye tell us now a secret vow
Ye have made with an open foe."

"That we'll be off a lightless coast
And haul and haul and haul and haul
At the will of the breed that has wronged
Us most."

"For a year and a year and a year,
There was never a shame in Christened
And haul and haul and haul and haul
And ye say we must take the winter sea,
And sail with them once more."

"Look south. The gale is scarce o'er past
That stripped and lay us down
When we stood forth. But they stood fast,
And prayed to see us down."

"The dead they mocked are scarcely cold;
Our wounds are bleeding yet;
And ye tell us now that our strength is sold
To help them press for a debt."

"Neath all the flags of all mankind
That use upon the seas,
We'll march across the straits to find
That ye strike hands with these?"

"Of evil times that men could choose
Of evil fate to fall,
What brooding judgment let ye loose
To pick the worst of all?"

"In sight of peace from the narrow seas,
O half the world to run
With a cheated crew to league anew
With the Goth and the shameless Hun?"

Test of Kansas Honesty.
(Topeka State Journal.)

A watch hanging by a string to the latch of Edmonds' jewelry store in North Topeka attracted the attention of an early morning passerby Wednesday. It was only a watch after sunup, and the jewelry store was locked.

The man examined the watch and discovered that it appeared to be out of its case. He called across the street to the butcher, who was just sweeping out.

"The butcher came across the street and examined the valuable timepiece hanging to the latch."

"What's this watch doing here?" he called across the street to the butcher, who was just sweeping out.

"I wouldn't," he said, "but I'll tell you. It's a watch that belonged to a man who was just sweeping out."

"What's the matter here?" he demanded as he pushed his way through the crowd, with visions of burglar rising before his eyes.

"Look here!" exclaimed several people, pointing to the watch.

Edmonds detached the watch from its place and glanced at the works, and said:

"Oh, yes; this is Bill Thompson's watch. He lost it last night. He was going to bring his watch down for me to fix, and he must have been in a hurry for me to do it."

"Thompson's got more confidence in the honesty of folks than I have," mused the man, as he sauntered back across the street to his shop.

Makes Good Ink.
(Washington Post.)

"I never buy any ink," said a stenographer in one of the government departments the other day. "No, you needn't smile and suggest that you don't use ink. I use it all the time. I use it in my pen, and I use it in my ink."

When one has seen the best way and is too ragged for further use I roll it up in a little square of paper and use it as a pen. I take it home and put it in a can of ink with a pint of water and let it remain for three days. You would be surprised to see the sort of ink it turns out. It is the best sort of writing fluid to be used in a fountain pen. It never fails, or at least never seems to, and it flows better than the ordinary ink.

The ink used in the writer's ribbons is of the very best quality. It ought to be for your cost enough. But the greatest advantage about the ink obtained in this way is that it does not leave any sediment, and if you don't leave the bottle uncorked so it collects all the dust in the room you have ink of just the proper consistency, and much better than you can buy at the highest price."

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The Fact that
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Those Tired Eyes.
The danger of neglecting this seemingly simple matter cannot be overestimated. Strong, healthy eyes do not tire—there is no other organ. If the eyes complain, ever so little, you should safeguard yourself against the breakdown of the eyesight by getting proper glasses at once.

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